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PREDICTING START CAST BREAKOUTS
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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.
United States of America 20231

Response to Official Action

Dear Sirs:

This is in reply to the office action dated September 28, 2005.

The following amendments are requested, as indicated on the following pages, Claims 1 and 3 are amended, Claim 2 is canceled, Claims 15 to 19 are cancelled, and new claims 20 to 33 are added.

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